



MONTHLY REPORT
By
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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

COMPLAINT REVIEW:

In December, the concerns of the Riverside Police Officers' Association were addressed by the City Attorney and he recommended that the case review proceed. It is expected that the Commission will vote to restart the review process in the first week of January.

SHOOTING INVESTIGATIONS:

A second officer-involved death of a citizen was recorded in as many months with the shooting death of Michael Wetter on December 31. As with all officer-involved deaths, the CPRC will conduct an investigation.

INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURE:

There have been a number of inquiries as to what constitutes an investigation. The object of a CPRC investigation is to determine the truth of the matter at hand so that the commissioners can make a determination as to whether or not the involved officers violated a Police Department rule or regulation.

When conducting an investigation, the investigator may conduct background checks on all involved persons, review physical evidence taken at the scene such as scale diagrams and photographs and eventually interview witnesses. The investigator then prepares a report stating what he found or was told, but never his opinion. The person reading the report should be able to draw his or her own conclusion from the information provided. Because of the complexity of each investigation, timelines for completion will vary.

WORKLOAD:

Cases Received

Lodged*	Filed/CPRC	Filed/P.D.
0	3	4

* A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint to the CPRC and is filed when they actually submit the completed complaint form.

Case Dispositions

Cases Reviewed	Inquiries	Administratively Closed **
0	0	0

** Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. The closure letter advises the complainants that the case will be re-opened if they submit the completed paperwork before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure, FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Findings

Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Misconduct Noted
0	0	0	0	0

Referrals

Personnel Complaints	Service Complaints
0	0

Policy Recommendations

There were 0 policy recommendations made by the Commission for the month of December '02.